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1. MORNING PRESS HAS REPORTED LEAK OF U.S. DRAFT NOTE TO CANADA RE GARRISON DIVERSION. STORIES HAVE NOT BEE PROMIN-
ENTLY PLAYED AND HAVE FOCUSED MORE ON INTERNAL U.S. GOVERNMENT
DIFFERENCES RATHER THAN ON SUBSTANCE OF NOTE ITSELF.

2. TORONTO GLOBE & MAIL ON PAGE 14 HEADLINED STORY, "U.S.
AGENCIES IN ROW OVER REPLY TO CANADA ON GARRISON PROJECT".
ARTICLE IN ROW OVER REPLY TO CANADA ON GARRISON PROJECT".
ARTICLE PROVIDES BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ISSUE AND THEN
STATES THAT ROW IS DEVELOPING "BECAUSE SOME U.S. GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS THINK THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS PLANNING TO REPLY IN
LEGALESE TO THE WORDING--WHICH IT CONSIDERS AMBIGUOUS--
RATHER THAN TO THE SPIRIT OF THE NOTE. THIS SIMPLY WOULD HAVE
REITERATED REPLIES TO EARLIER EXCHANGES SAYING THAT THE
BOUNDARY WATERS TREATY OF 1909 BETWEEN CANADA AND U.S.
WOULD NOT BE BROKEN . . . THIS IS THE VIEW TAKEN BY THE
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION . . . TWO OTHER AGENCIES, THE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE COUNCIL ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, ARE OPPOSED TO THE PROJECT."

3. ARTICLE POINTS OUT THAT DEPARTMENT VIEWS WERE IN
DRAFT FORM AND THAT FINAL RESPONSE HAS NOT YET BEEN
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